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SUBJECT: Applicant: Williams et al.
 Serial No.: 09/954,655
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 For: MOLECULAR RECOGNITION SENSOR SYSTEM
 Group: 2855
 Docket No.: DR-326J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003 in the subject application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$43.00 for one (1) additional independent claim in excess of three.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kirk Teska", written over a horizontal line.

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